

## ACHS SUMMARY FORM

1. Name: Aix-La-Chapelle

2. Planning Area/Site Number: 17/6

3. M-NCPPC Atlas Reference: Map 5  
H-18

4. Address: Route 28, Beallsville

## 5. Classification Summary

Category	<u>building</u>	Previous Survey Recording	<u>M-NCPPC</u>
Ownership	<u>private</u>	Title and Date:	<u>1976 Inventory of</u>
Public Acquisition	<u>N/A</u>		<u>Historical Sites</u>
Status	<u>occupied</u>		
Accessible	<u>no</u>	Federal	<u>State</u> <u>x</u> <u>County</u> <u>x</u> <u>Local</u>
Present use	<u>agriculture, private residence</u>		

6. Date: c. 1810

7. Original Owner: William Brewer

## 8. Apparent Condition

a. good b. altered c. original site

9. Description: This house was built using Palladian symmetry. The central five bay, two-and-a-half story white painted brick structure faces west. To the north and south are one bay, two story, white painted brick dependencies. These dependencies are connected to the central structure by three bay, two story clapboarded frame wings. The central structure has nine-over-six double-hung windows at the first level, west elevation. There are six-over-six double-hung windows elsewhere. On the west elevation of central section there are three hipped six-over-six double-hung dormer windows. There are five gable roofs, all are covered by wooden shingles.

10. Significance: Aix-La-Chapelle is a brick manor house significant for its associations for 130 years with the Brewer family.

The original 1,792 acre tract was first patented in 1749 to Daniel Carroll. Part of the property was sold in 1808 to Joseph Newton Chiswell (builder of Chiswell's Inheritance). Chiswell sold 156 3/4 acres to William Brewer in 1809 that coincides almost exactly with the present day farm. It is believed that Brewer built the original cube-shaped, federal style, red brick house soon after 1809.

Brewer (1777-1861) was a successful doctor. He married Mary Chiswell and was related by marriage to the Whites, Chiswells, Griffiths, and other prominent upper Montgomery County families. His son George inherited the farm and operated it until his death in June 1908. George's son, William G., received the farm, and kept it in the Brewer family until 1937 when it was sold to David and Arnita Shober. They remodeled the house before selling it in 1941. The land was divided in 1959. The present owners purchased Aix-La-Chapelle in 1964.

11. Researcher and date researched: David Presteman-9/79

Candy Reed  
Arch. Description

12. Compiler: Gail Rothrock

13. Date Compiled: 10/79

14. Designation  
Approval

15. Acreage: 158.71 acres

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Aix-La-Chapelle (Heitmuller)

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Route 28

CITY, TOWN

Beallsville

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES RESTRICTED☐ YES UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

## PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Theodore L. Heitmuller

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Route 28

CITY, TOWN

Beallsville

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 20703

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Montgomery Courthouse

Liber #: 3308

Folio #: 149

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland 20850

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

M-NCPPC Inventory of Historical Sites

DATE

1976

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☒ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Park Historian's Office

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland 20855

**7 DESCRIPTION****CONDITION**

\_\_\_EXCELLENT  
 X GOOD  
 \_\_\_FAIR

\_\_\_DETERIORATED  
 \_\_\_RUINS  
 \_\_\_UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

\_\_\_UNALTERED  
 X ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

X ORIGINAL SITE  
 \_\_\_MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

Aix-La-Chapelle was built with Palladian symmetry: a central five bay two-and-a-half story white painted brick section faces west. It is flanked on the north and south by one bay two-and-a-half story white painted brick dependencies which are connected to the main house by three bay, two story frame wings. The west (front) elevation has a total of 13 bays.

Three semicircular brick steps lead to the west (front) wooden paneled door. This door is surmounted by a semicircular fanlight and is flanked by applied fluted pilasters. There are north and south doors on the north and south dependency wings.

There are six-over-nine double-hung windows at the first level of the west elevation, center section. Elsewhere there are six-over-six double hung windows. Windows in the center and dependency wings are set into flat arches. There are three hipped six-over-six double hung dormer windows on the west elevation, center section.

There are five distinctive gable roofs; all have wooden shingle covering. The center section and the north and south dependencies have corbelled cornice lines. The center section has interior north and south chimneys. The north and south dependencies have north and south exterior end chimneys.

West of the house is a one story brick outbuilding. It has an interior end chimney at the west gable end. The south elevation has a central doorway flanked by nine-over-six double hung windows.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) Local History	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1810

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Aix-La-Chapelle is a brick manor house significant for its association for 130 years with the Brewer family.

Aix-La-Chapelle was originally patented to Daniel Carroll in 1749 for 1,792 acres.<sup>1</sup> This huge tract runs from present Maryland Route 28 on the north to below Maryland Route 107 on the south, and generally borders on the east end of Poolesville.

The surveyors who platted the patent evidently misplaced the location of two "elder surveys" known as "Flint's Grove" and "The Beginning". On the drawing enclosed, the outermost boundaries represent what Carroll thought he got. What he actually got, after accounting for the "Flint's Grove" and "The Beginning" overlaps, is outlined in red and turquoise.

The 1783 Tax assessment for Sugarland Hundred reports "one framed dwelling" and a "few other log houses too tedious to mention" on Aix-La-Chapelle. The owners are listed as Charles Carroll heirs.

In December of 1808, Charles Carroll of "Washington City" sold most of Aix-La-Chapelle (1,243 3/4 acres) to John Poole, Jr. and Joseph Newton Chiswell (builder of Chiswell's Inheritance) for 50 shillings per acre.<sup>2</sup> Poole and Chiswell immediately divided the property between themselves, with Poole taking the lower 852 1/2 acres.<sup>3</sup>

Carroll sold the balance of his estate in 1808 or 1809 to Lawrence O'Neale, a transaction that was confirmed by an 1815 deed to O'Neale's heirs.<sup>4</sup>

After the division, Chiswell proceeded to sell off his northern portion of Aix-La-Chapelle in a series of transactions, most dated April 1, 1809. The one that concerns the subject property is a sale of 156 3/4 acres to William Brewer for \$1,244.<sup>5</sup> Less a strip of land north of Route 28 and a triangular piece marked (2) on the enclosed plat, and plus the field at the corner of Jerusalem Road and Route 28, Brewer's parcel coincides exactly with the present day farm. It is believed that Brewer built the original cube-shaped, federal style, red brick house soon after 1809.

William Brewer (1777-1861) was a doctor, apparently very successful. He married Mary Chiswell and was related by marriage to the Whites, Chiswells, Griffiths, and other prominent upper Montgomery County families. At his death in 1861 he owned a 276-acre farm called "My Woodstock Farm", north of Route 28, in addition to Aix-La-Chapelle which he referred to "my home farm". His personal estate was valued at over \$13,000, and was augmented by the collection of over \$10,000 in accounts receivable.<sup>6</sup>

(Continued on Attachment Sheet A)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Land, Equity, Assessment, and Orphan's Court Records of Montgomery County, Md.

Farquhar, Roger B., Historic Montgomery County, Maryland: Old Homes and History (1952), p. 91-93.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 158.71 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

David Presteman

Candy Reed

Architectural Description

ORGANIZATION

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

DATE

September 1979

STREET & NUMBER

Box 87

TELEPHONE

926-4510

CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

STATE

Maryland 20753

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

## Aix-La-Chapelle

Brewer's son George Brewer Sr. (1822-1908) inherited the farm. Although he rented it to a tenant farmer for a while, he operated Aix-La-Chapelle for most of the period until his death in June 1908. William G. Brewer (1850-1944) received the farm from his father, keeping it in the Brewer family until 1937. In 1920 the family graveyard was abandoned by the Brewers and all bodies were moved to Monocacy Cemetery. Following a court-ordered<sup>7</sup> settlement, 310 acres were sold by the Brewer heirs to David and Arnita Shober of Washington, D.C.<sup>8</sup>

The Shobers remodelled the house, replacing the one-and-a-half story kitchen wing on the south side of the house with an addition, and adding a duplicate wing on the other end to make the entire mansion 100' long and two stories high throughout. The Shobers sold in 1941 to Bertram and Margaret Randles,<sup>9</sup> who kept the house for 12 years. The land was divided in 1959, resulting in the present acreage.<sup>10</sup>

The current owners purchased Aix-La-Chapelle in 1964.

FOOTNOTES:

1. Certificate, BY & GS #1/607; Patent, BY & GS #2/403, Hall of Records, Annapolis, Md.
2. Land Records of Montgomery County, Md., O/245 (December 15, 1808).
3. Ibid., O/247 (April 1, 1809).
4. Ibid., S19/186 (April 25, 1815).
5. Ibid., O/281 (April 1, 1809).
6. Montgomery County Orphan's Court Records, William Brewer will - dated October 18, 1854 and probated October 22, 1861).
7. Montgomery County Equity Records, Equity #8007 (1937).
8. Land Records, op. cit., 668/175 (May 13, 1937).
9. Ibid., 863/448 (November 29, 1941).
10. Ibid., 2671/48 (November 2, 1959 (Francis Ginn to Florence Ewald)).

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## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM  
for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

<b>1. NAME</b>				
COMMON:				
AND/OR HISTORIC: Aix-La-Chapelle				
<b>2. LOCATION</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER: Beallsville Road (Rte. 28)				
CITY OR TOWN: Beallsville				
STATE: Maryland			COUNTY: Montgomery	
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>				
<b>CATEGORY</b> (Check One)		<b>OWNERSHIP</b>		<b>STATUS</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Religious    _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> Museum <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific    _____				
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>				
OWNER'S NAME:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:				
Montgomery County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	
Rockville			Maryland	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
Historic American Buildings Survey				
DATE OF SURVEY: 1936 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
Library of Congress				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
10 First Street SE			STATE:	
Washington, DC				

## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house is a two story, brick structure with chimneys at either end of the main block. The main (west) facade is five bays with a central doorway. There are three dormers on the roof; they have hipped roofs. The windows are 6/9 double hung sash on the first floor and 6/6 on the second. The house is laid up in Liverpool bond; the windows have jack arches on stretcher tall.

West of the house is a one story, brick outbuilding. It has flush gable chimney on the west end. The south facade has a central doorway flanked by 9/6 double hung sash.

The bankbarn is framed with board and batten siding. It sits on a stone foundation. There is a doorway through the foundation leading to the forebay; the relieving arch is semi-circular with shaped voussoir blocks.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS



## B. SIGNIFICANCE

## PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian      ☐ 16th Century      ☐ 18th Century      ☐ 20th Century  
☐ 15th Century      ☐ 17th Century      ☒ 19th Century

## SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |   |                                       |   |  |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal     | <input type="checkbox"/> Education    | <input type="checkbox"/> Political      | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric    | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering  | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi-  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic       | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry     | lasophy                                 | _____                                    |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture   | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture      | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art            | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human-  | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce       | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature   | itarian                                 | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military     | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater        | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation   | <input type="checkbox"/> Music        | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____                                    |

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

SEE INST. ACTIONS

## 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY.

Acreage Justification:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

## 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Christopher Owens, Park Historian	
ORGANIZATION M-NCPPC	DATE 17 May 74
STREET AND NUMBER: 8787 Georgia Avenue	
CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring	STATE Maryland

## 12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

# Aix La Chapelle

IN THE northwestern section of Montgomery County about one mile southwest of Beallsville, four miles northwest of Dawsonville, and about thirty miles from the White House, a large, handsome white Colonial brick manor house with symmetrical wings attracts the attention of the passer-by. Standing about one hundred yards back from white brick entrance pillars, it faces west, its left-hand wing toward the highway.



NO. 2 D-3 DR. WILLIAM BREWER 1820  
BRICK REMODELED 1938 BY DAVID A. SHOBER

The land was purchased by an eminent member of the Brewer family just after 1800, and the lovely old brick house was started in 1812 with bricks made on the farm. It was delayed by the War, and not finished until 1820. The plantation for about a hundred and twenty years was owned, and occupied by members of that prominent Montgomery County family.

Dr. William Brewer was born in Anne Arundel County in 1777. A man of intellect, he was graduated with an M.D. degree from the University of Pennsylvania Medical School at the age of twenty, and for a time was employed on the staff of the hospital there. He was a student while the famous Dr. Benjamin Rush was at the head of that famed Institution. (It will be recalled that Dr. Rush was not only a signer of the Declaration of Independence but of the

United States Constitution as well.) In 1800 Dr. Brewer returned to his native State, and on February 5 of that year married Mary R. Chiswell, a union that was blessed with fifteen children. He became the owner of a large amount of land in Montgomery County. Among his local purchases was: "one-quarter part of a tract known as Fortune," which was conveyed by deed to him dated December, 1802, by Robert Peter. In another deed, executed by Joseph Newton Chiswell in August, 1803, Dr. Brewer acquired: "one-quarter of the same tract known as Fortune." Part of Chiswell's Delight is also included in the farm. These conveyances are believed to be among those making up the home plantation which through the generations contained about 300 acres of land. Dr. William Brewer died in 1861, and his wife Mary passed away in 1867, and they are buried side by side in old Monocacy Cemetery. His will, probated October 22, 1861, shows that he was very prosperous. He advanced to each of his children the following amount in cash: To John, James, and Nicholas, \$4,000 each. To Mary M., \$5,000, and to the three children of Eleanor Brewer Burch (deceased) \$6,162. To his widow he left his horse and carriage, the use of the home during her lifetime, and to his son, George, he left the option of taking the Woodstock farm of 276 acres, at twenty dollars per acre, or the home farm of 310 acres, at thirty dollars per acre, George to pay the difference into the estate if he took Aix La Chapelle. He took the latter. "Any notes due the estate from the children are to be deducted from the sums they shall receive, and all slaves unable to labor are to be jointly supported by the heirs," the will continued. Many bequests of personal articles, his watch, jewelry, wearing apparel, etc., were bequeathed in a codicil. A number of slaves were donated by name to the several heirs.

Dr. Nicholas Brewer, a son of Dr. William, attained distinction in Montgomery County. He took up the practice of his elderly father and carried it on with much success for many years. He lived at the time on an adjoining farm. He was in the Maryland State Senate in

868 and 1870, again in 1874 to 1876, and was a member of the State Constitutional Convention in 1867.

George Brewer, Sr., born February, 1822, as has already been noted, inherited the Aix La Chapelle homestead from his father. It seems that he rented the farm to a tenant for a term from 1868 to 1875 after which he operated the plantation until his death in June, 1908. He married Althea Young, a daughter of Samuel Young of Poolesville, in March, 1849.

A son of this union, William G. Brewer, born in January, 1850 (the homestead descended to him upon the death of his father), remained a farmer living at Aix La Chapelle. In May, 1872, he married Ida White, a daughter of Major B. S. White. (William G. died in December 1944 and was buried at Monocacy.) A son, George W. Brewer II, married Betty Williams in May, 1907, and they lived at the old homestead for nearly forty years. (He died November 4, 1950.)

Lillian Brewer Byrd, daughter of William G. and Ida White Brewer, married Joseph D. Byrd in February, 1917, and today they live in the lovely old home which he acquired from his father's estate. (See Locust Grove III).

Althea Brewer, another daughter of William G. and Ida White Brewer, married Harvey J. White at Aix La Chapelle in 1908, and for many years lived at Stoney Castle until they turned it over to Dr. Byron Dyson White, a son of Mr. White by a former marriage. Harvey White was active in County politics for years, was in the House of Delegates of Maryland, and was a County Commissioner. He died in March, 1950, at the age of eighty years, and the farm on which they lived across the Edwards Ferry Road from Stoney Castle was sold in the summer of 1950.

In 1937 Aix La Chapelle, which then contained 310 acres of land, was sold by the heirs of Wil-

liam G. Brewer to David A. Shober of Washington. The picturesque old brick manor house was completely transformed into a commodious and elaborate country home. The ancient kitchen wing, a story-and-a-half building with slave quarters on the second floor, was removed, and a new addition constructed with "curtain structure" connecting it with the main house. This made the whole mansion one hundred feet long, and two stories high throughout. It is reliably stated that more than \$50,000 was spent on this work.

The Shobers did not enjoy their new home for more than three years. It was sold in 1940 to Mr. B. W. Randles.

The original house at Aix La Chapelle had a center hall from the front door to a door in the rear. A stairway, with a delicate handrail and newels, winds from the rear to a landing half-way up, where it turns 180 degrees to continue to the second floor. There are two large rooms on each side of the hall, each having a fireplace with fine mantels typical of the period.

On the second floor of the old house are two large rooms on each side of the hall over the corresponding rooms on the first floor, each with a fireplace and handsome mantels of fine woodwork. The attractive and commodious rooms in the new structure include kitchen, laundry, servants' room and bath in the first floor right-hand wing, and two bedrooms, living room and two baths on the second floor. In the new left-hand wing there is a billiard room and a library on the first floor and a living room and two baths on the second floor. Mr. B. W. Randles sold this estate, which he bought in 1940, from Mr. Shober, to Mr. Francis Ginn in 1954. The owner in 1961 is Mrs. Florence R. Ewald, a widow who has a married son who is farming the 159 acres, planning to start a dairy later on. She bought the estate in 1959, from Mr. Ginn.

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"Let the old, old houses their secrets keep.  
Leave them alone in their quiet sleep.  
They are like old folk who nod by the fire,  
Glad with their dreams of youth and desire."

CHARLES H. TOWNE



NAME AIX - LA - CHAPELLE

#17-6

LOCATION Rt. 28 BEALLSVILLE, Md.

FACADE NW

PHOTO TAKEN 5/17/74 M DWYER



NAME AIX-LA-CHAPELLE

#17-6

LOCATION Rt. 28 BEALLSVILLE, Md.

FACADE W

PHOTO TAKEN 5/17/74 M DWYER





#17-6

NAME AIX-LA-CHAPELLE - BARN

LOCATION RT 28 BEALLSVILLE, MD

FACADE NW

PHOTO TAKEN 5/17/74 MOWYER



NAME AIX - LA - CHAPELLE — BARN

LOCATION Rt. 28 BEALLSVILLE, Md.

FACADE E END

PHOTO TAKEN 5/17/74 M DWYER

#17-6



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NAME AIX-LA-CHAPELLE — OFFICE

LOCATION Rt. 28 BEALLSVILLE, Md.

FACADE SW

PHOTO TAKEN 5/17/74 M DWYER